

detecting the removal of said printed packet from said appliance and thereafter printing an additional copy of said packet.

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.


REMARKS

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment relative to the above-identified patent application prior to any action taken on the merits. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith.

In the final Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 24 were allowed, and claims 3, 4, 8, 11-13 and 23 were objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. Applicant has amended claims 1, 5 and 21 so as to include the limitations of the dependent claims 3, 8 and 23, and claim 4 has been amended to correct a reference. Claims 3, 8 and 23 have been canceled inasmuch as the subject matter of these claims has been incorporated into claims 1, 5 and 21 (respectively). Applicant now submits that the claims, as presented, are all allowable in light of the Examiner's prior comments.

In light of the amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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